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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Y. KANEDA, et al

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For: METHOD FOR ALLOCATING STORAGE REGIONS AND  
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE METHOD BASED ON HINTS,  
STORAGE DEVICE AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**MS Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 18, 2005

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims**

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.